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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 12, 2009, the period for response having been extended to June 12, 2009, by a request for extension of two months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

**Attachments:** Translation of JP 02-249707

Manuale Della Gomma ("Rubber Manual"), Tecniche Nuove, Italian edition 1987, first German edition 1981, pg 231-234

English translation of full third paragraph p. 234.